I strongly oppose Sinclair **Broadcasting** using the public air ways to unfairly smear John Kerry and thereby promote the opposing candidate. This is clearly a violation of campaign law and must be stopped. Ιf left unchecked by the FCC we are in danger of a total breakdown of a fair and balanced election.

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.